

In the Claims

Please enter the following amendments to claims 1, 12, 23 and 33 as follows. No new matter is being added.

1 1. (Currently amended) A method for determining a billing rate of a mobile
2 telecommunications connection associated with a mobile telecommunications unit (MU),
3 comprising the steps of:

4 determining whether a location of the MU is inside or outside a predetermined
5 subsidized zone;

6 responsive solely to a determination that the location of the MU is inside the
7 predetermined subsidized zone, adjusting the billing rate for the
8 telecommunications connection to a first predetermined billing rate; and
9 responsive solely to a determination that the MU is outside the predetermined
10 subsidized zone, adjusting the billing rate for the telecommunications
11 connection to a second predetermined billing rate.

1 2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the first predetermined billing
2 rate is less than the second predetermined billing rate.

1 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the location is defined by latitude and
2 longitude.

1 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the location is determined by a Global
2 Positioning System (GPS).

1 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the location is defined by Universal
2 Transverse Mercator (UTM) numbers.

1 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein information corresponding to the
2 predetermined subsidized zone is stored in a database.

1 7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the predetermined subsidized
2 zone information comprises a time period, and wherein the billing rate is reduced when the
3 telecommunications connection occurred at least in part during the time period.

1 8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined subsidized
2 zone is defined by a geographical point and a radius.

1 9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the predetermined subsidized
2 zone is associated with a proximity to a commercial establishment and the commercial
3 establishment pays the first predetermined billing rate.

1 10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined subsidized zone is one
2 of a plurality of predetermined subsidized zones, each associated with a proximity to a different
3 commercial establishment.

1 11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the billing rate is reduced by
2 a first amount when the location of the MU is within a first predetermined subsidized zone, and
3 the billing rate is reduced by a second amount when the location of the MU is within a second
4 predetermined subsidized zone.

1 12. (Currently amended) A system for determining a billing rate of a mobile
2 telecommunications connection associated with a mobile telecommunications unit (MU),
3 comprising:

4 a processor;
5 memory for storing computer readable instructions that, when executed by the
6 processor, cause the system to perform the operations of:
7 determining whether a location of the MU is inside or outside a predetermined
8 subsidized zone;
9 responsive solely to a determination that the location of the MU is inside the
10 predetermined subsidized zone, adjusting the billing rate for the

telecommunications connection to a first predetermined billing rate;
and

responsive to a determination that the MU is outside the predetermined subsidized zone, adjusting the billing rate for the telecommunications connection to a second predetermined billing rate.

13. (Previously presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the first predetermined
billing rate is less than the second predetermined billing rate.

14. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the location is defined by latitude and
longitude.

1 15. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the location is determined by a Global
2 Positioning System (GPS).

1 16. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the location is defined by Universal
2 Transverse Mercator (UTM) numbers.

17. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein information corresponding to the predetermined subsidized zone is stored in a database.

1 18. (Previously presented) The system of claim 17, wherein the predetermined subsidized
2 zone information comprises a time period, and wherein the billing rate is reduced when the
3 telecommunications connection occurred at least in part during the time period.

1 19. (Previously presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the predetermined subsidized
2 zone is defined by a geographical point and a radius.

1 20. (Previously presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the predetermined subsidized
2 zone is associated with a proximity to a commercial establishment and the commercial
3 establishment pays the first predetermined billing rate.

1 21. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the predetermined subsidized zone is one
2 of a plurality of predetermined subsidized zones, each associated with a proximity to a different
3 commercial establishment.

1 22. (Previously presented) The system of claim 21, wherein the billing rate is reduced by
2 a first amount when the location of the MU is within a first predetermined subsidized zone, and
3 the billing rate is reduced by a second amount when the location of the MU is within a second
4 predetermined subsidized zone.

1 23. (Currently amended) A computer program product for determining a billing rate of a
2 mobile telecommunications connection associated with a mobile telecommunications unit (MU)
3 comprising a computer-readable medium containing computer program code for performing the
4 operations of:

5 determining whether a location of the MU is inside or outside a predetermined
6 subsidized zone;
7 responsive solely to a determination that the location of the MU is inside the
8 predetermined subsidized zone, adjusting the billing rate for the
9 telecommunications connection to a first predetermined billing rate; and
10 responsive solely to a determination that the MU is outside the predetermined
11 subsidized zone, adjusting the billing rate for the telecommunications
12 connection to a second predetermined billing rate.

1 24. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the first
2 predetermined billing rate is less than the second predetermined billing rate.

1 25. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the
2 location is defined by latitude and longitude.

1 26. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the
2 location is determined by a Global Positioning System (GPS).

1 27. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the
2 location is defined by Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) numbers.

1 28. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 23, wherein
2 information corresponding to the predetermined subsidized zone is stored in a database.

1 29. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 28, wherein the
2 predetermined subsidized zone information comprises a time period, wherein the billing rate is
3 reduced when the telecommunications connection occurred at least in part during the time period.

1 30. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the
2 predetermined subsidized zone is defined by a geographical point and a radius.

1 31. (Previously presented) The system of claim 23, wherein the predetermined subsidized
2 zone is associated with a proximity to a commercial establishment and the commercial
3 establishment pays the first predetermined billing rate.

1 32. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the
2 predetermined subsidized zone is one of a plurality of predetermined subsidized zones, each
3 associated with a proximity to a different commercial establishment.

1 33. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim ~~23~~ 32, wherein the
2 billing rate is reduced by a first amount when the location of the MU is within a first
3 predetermined subsidized zone, and the billing rate is reduced by a second amount when the
4 location of the MU is within a second predetermined subsidized zone.